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Governor announces \$6.3 million grant for victims assistance for district attorneys' offices across state

Gov. Kay Ivey announced Friday, Dec. 7, the awarding of a \$6.3 million state grant that will allow Alabama District Attorneys to hire 88 Certified Victim Service Officers to assist victims of crime.

Speaking at a news conference Friday in the Old



Coffee County District Attorney Tom Anderson, who also serves as president of the Alabama District Attorneys Association, is shown speaking during the news conference held last Friday in Montgomery announcing the multi-million dollar grant. Also pictured is (from left) Carolyn Tyus, victim service officer for the Montgomery County District Attorney; Barry Matson, executive director of the Office of Prosecution Services and the Alabama District Attorneys Association; and Alabama Governor Kay Ivey.

Ma-Chis Lower Creek Indian Tribe of Alabama to start disenrollment

On Monday, Dec. 31, 2018, the Ma-Chis Lower Creek Indian Tribe of Alabama, will start disenrollment, which means an official act by the Tribe to deprive inactive citizens, voluntarily resigned citizen, and banned citizens.

For any questions, send a notarized letter with a self-addressed stamp envelope to the following address: Chief James Wright, Ma-Chis Lower Creek Indian Tribe of Alabama, 64 Private Road 1312, Elba AL 36323. Call (334)897-3207 or e-mail machis@centurytel.net



The Elba American Legion Post 42 is helping to sponsor a Wreaths Across America ceremony Saturday, Dec. 15, at Evergreen Cemetery in Elba. Above, Elba American Legion Post members are shown holding wreaths that will be placed on graves of veterans during the ceremony. They are (l to r): 2nd Vice Commander James Hodge, 1st Vice Commander Craig Whienstien, Chaplain Chris Bradley, Adjutant Doug Howell. Not pictured: Commander Jenny Reed.

Wreath Across America program set Dec. 15th at Evergreen Cemetery

The Elba American Legion Post 42 and the Enterprise Civitan Club together are starting the first annual "Wreaths Across America" for Elba.

The tradition of placing wreaths on the graves of veterans was started at Arlington National Cemetery in 1992 and has grown to where over one and a half million wreaths will be placed this year around the world.

In 2015, Travis Parker

knowledgeable professionals to help crime victims understand the court process and ensure that they are aware of other community resources that may further assist them.

The grant was awarded by the Alabama Department of Economic and Community Affairs (ADECA) to the Alabama Office of Prosecution Services (OPS), which provides assistance and support for the state's district attorneys. Representatives of ADECA, OPS and the Alabama District Attorneys Association joined Ivey at the news conference.

"This grant is a major benefit for victims, victims' families and district attorneys across Alabama," said Tom Anderson, District Attorney for Coffee and Pike counties and president of the Alabama District Attorneys Association. "In some circuits where money for victim assistance is especially tight, it is a real game-changer. Victims of

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Coffee County honors retiring solid waste officer

by Linda Hodge, Editor

Coffee County honored solid waste officer Dean Blair during the Coffee County Commission meeting held Monday, Dec. 10, as he plans to retire at the end of this month.

Mike Thornton, director of Coffee County Environmental Services, commended Blair for the outstanding job he had done as the county's solid waste officer over the past nine years.

"When we took over our residential garbage pickup service, there was a lot of ringing of hands and worry about pulling it off," Thornton said. "I'll be honest with you. We never would have pulled it off as

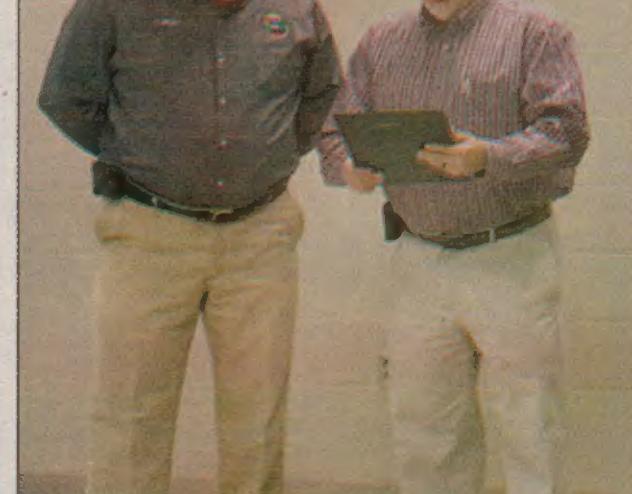
easily as we did without Dean."

A former law enforcement officer, Blair joined the Coffee County Sheriff's Department on Sept. 15, 2009 after several years of being the School Resource Officer for the Elba Police Department at Elba City School. He became the Coffee County's Solid

Waste Enforcement Office on April 16, 2012.

Commission chairman Dean Smith noted Blair was completing a long career of public service to the people of Coffee County.

He said Blair's dedicated service to his job, whatever it may have been, could be attested in the results he got.



Coffee County Environmental Services director Mike Thornton (right) presents a plaque to Coffee County solid waste officer Dean Blair (left) honoring him for his years of service to Coffee County. Blair will retire Jan. 1, 2019 after more than 30 years of public service.

NOTICE:

During the Coffee County Commission meeting held Monday, Dec. 10, in New Brockton, Coffee County Environmental Services director Mike Thornton noted the residential garbage pickup schedule for county residents during the upcoming holidays.

Garbage pickup will run the regular routes on Monday, Dec. 24, and Monday, Dec. 31; however, there will be no pickup on Tuesdays, Dec. 25th and 31st. Both weeks, service will shift one day after the Tuesday holiday (i.e. Tuesday route on Wednesday, Wednesday route on Thursday, Thursday route on Friday, and Friday route on Saturday).

Meet and Greet

THE ELBA PUBLIC LIBRARY WILL HOST a 'Meet & Greet' Thursday, Dec. 20, from 1-3 p.m., for new library director Jennifer Amlong. All are invited to attend.

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Sally Bane selected as Elba's new city clerk

by Ferrin Cox, Publisher

The Elba City council voted unanimously Monday night, Dec. 10, to hire Sally Bane, of Elba, as the City Clerk, replacing James Kelley, who has resigned and will be leaving once a person is available to replace him.

Bane presently works with a contractor at Ft. Rucker and will be assuming her duties at city hall on Dec. 19th. She previously worked at the Elba Nursing Home.

There were 21 applications for the position, according to Mayor Mickey Murdock.

Bane's husband works at Dorsey Trailers, and they are parents of three children who attend Elba City Schools.

Council members were told there is

another delay in "emergency" funding for the FEMA buyout of flood-impacted homes in Elba. This has been on hold since December 2015. Reportedly this delay is because the Historical Society wants to do some digs around the houses, in crawl spaces, etc. This will delay any buyouts for at least another six months.

Assistant City Clerk Pat Boothe reported the street department is distributing new garbage cans, and replacing a clogged metal pipe in a drainage ditch behind the old high school. The ditch carries water from behind Cook Chevrolet to a pump station at the levee. It goes underground at Newton Street and that is where the problem was found. The

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"Before Dean came on as our solid waste officer, as commissioners it was not unheard of for us to get multiple phone calls [complaints] regarding garbage pickup collection," Smith said. "I quit getting any calls after Dean took over."

A resolution presented to Blair from the Coffee County Commission noted he had "exhibited a lifelong passion for serving his community and his work in public service began while assisting on rescue squads while still in high school."

He began his career in public safety with the Elba Police Department. After more than 30 years of dedicated service to Coffee County and its citizens, he will officially retire Jan. 1, 2019.

"Dean has had a substantial impact on the quality of life in Coffee County for over three decades," Smith said. "From the students he helped mold as DARE officer to his work ensuring the county's solid waste ran smoothly, we honor him for his outstanding service to our community."

Blair said Monday's salute to his career had been a walk down memory lane for him, and he said the employees of the county environmental services office had outdone themselves in preparing the festivities.

"I've always want to help others all the way back to being a child," Blair said. "First of all, I want to thank the Lord because without Him I wouldn't be here today."

Blair thanked many who had impacted his life and career, and he commended Coffee County for the quality team of employees it has created.

"We have a great county we reside in and a great bunch of public servants," he said. "I want to encourage everybody to think about what you do. Think about having a servant's heart. We serve the citizens of Coffee County."

He also thanked his fam-

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EDITORIAL

BRAINSTORMS

With Ferrin Cox

The head of the Alabama Department of Conservation is pushing to be sure everyone understands the danger of chronic wasting disease (CWD) in deer. "It is the middle of deer season, so we've got lots of other tasks and calls to conduct," he said. "But keeping CWD out of Alabama is extremely important, so we're conducting details on the state lines to attempt to ensure no deer are brought into Alabama from other states." If you go deer hunting in another state, expect to be checked upon reentering Alabama. If you have a deer, whole or dressed then brother you are in trouble. The law reads that you can't bring it into Alabama because of the danger of CWD getting into native deer.

The Business Council of Alabama (BCA) has had it ups and downs over the years and lately it has been mostly downs. Leaders have vowed to "right their ship" so to speak. The recent hiring of Katie Boyd Britt as their president signals to people who know Katie that it will happen. The Enterprise native has a great personality and is coming to BCS with a strong record of getting her job done. She was most recently the Chief of Staff for Senator Richard Shelby. Again those who know Shelby's operation will quickly tell you that he hires the best and expects the best from them. Katie moved up the ranks in Shelby's office and at each step she excelled. We congratulate her and BCA for what promises to be a great combination.

Attorney General Steve Marshall announced that Alabama is participating in a bipartisan group of 39 attorneys general to stop or reduce annoying and harmful robocalls. This coalition is focused on the technology that major telecom companies are pursuing to combat illegal robocalls. "Robocalls are not simply annoying but have become a persistent harassment that is disrupting the lives of our citizens and can be a means for scammers to steal their hard-earned money and savings," said Attorney General Marshall.

We will jump for joy if they are successful in curbing this annoying practice.

The word synergy is a red flag word in several of the legal papers surrounding investigations of President Trump. Some experts believe (or want to believe) that this means indictment charges are coming down the pike for the President. Whatever it means, we can expect impeachment talk to fill the news on a regular basis for the next two years. Well there is still talk of impeaching both former presidents Clinton and Obama, so maybe Trump's name will be lumped with them after he is gone. We are willing to gamble a cup of coffee that there will be no impeachment of Donald Trump. Even if Congress does get into the fray and vote such action, this guy and his lawyers will rant, rave, file lawsuits, etc., and confuse the process for years or until everyone tires of the fight and lets it go away.

The EPA is proposing new definitions of "Waters of the United States" that will give some relief to farmers, etc., who have a fear of legal trouble from things like plowing rainfall pools that occasionally collect in low spot in their fields. Rules put into force several years ago expanded the definition of just what was included in the clean waters regulations and leaves a lot of questions over what is wetlands. This is an effort to pull back and/or clarify those rules.

~ An ounce of prevention ~

Editorial by Donald E. Williamson, president of Alabama Hospital Association

Preventing illness is always better than trying to cure it, and the flu is no exception.

For most Alabamians, a quick trip to the local pharmacy or a doctor and a small copayment are all that are needed to prevent the flu. But have you ever thought about how people without health insurance prevent illnesses like the flu? The cost of that vaccination can be prohibitive, especially when you are living on a limited income.

In Alabama, we have thousands of uninsured adults who often must make the hard choice between caring for their family and getting preventative care like the flu vaccine. Many of these individuals will not get a flu shot this year, potentially resulting in hospitalizations that could have been avoided.

Alabama has an opportunity to solve this problem by increasing access to preventative care by expanding Medicaid.

Having a primary doctor not only saves lives, it saves thousands of dollars in avoiding expensive emergency room visits and hospital admissions. People with health insurance are able to receive much-needed screenings and vaccinations and to have a place to go when they get sick.

How does getting a flu

shot make that much of a difference?

If an individual doesn't get vaccinated and catches the flu, he may need medication to help reduce the symptoms (the most common prescription costs around \$100). He would have to pay for a doctor visit to have the medicine prescribed, and the doctor might recommend additional doses for his family. But, how many individuals living below the poverty level can afford several hundred dollars in prescriptions?

If he is unable to buy the medicine and his infection worsens, he is likely to spread it to others, and he may need hospitalization. The CDC reported 710,000 hospitalizations from the flu during last year's flu season. In Alabama, health officials estimated about 100 deaths due to flu.

Just this year, there was a story about a second-grade teacher in Texas who decided not to fill her prescription for Tamiflu when she saw it would be \$116. She refused to pay and died three days later from flu.

related complications.

It is not just flu vaccinations; many of the uninsured also have chronic diseases such as high blood pressure or diabetes, and without health insurance, these conditions only get worse.

Providing preventive care through Medicaid expansion ensures healthy families, a healthy workforce and a stable health care delivery system. It's time to invest in a healthy Alabama.

Like getting a flu shot, it just makes sense.

Due to El Nino weather pattern

Coffee County EMA warns of wetter than normal conditions over next three months

Coffee County EMA director James Brown says now may be a good time to look at your flood insurance policy...

Winter Outlook: We are in an El Nino weather pattern and expect this to hold through spring, which means wetter than normal conditions. The combination of wet conditions, high stream flows and the likely above normal rainfall during the winter-time suggest a greater vulnerability to river flooding over the next three months.

Since 1950, there have been 20 separate El Nino events. Four of these events

were measured as strong El Nino events (bold), most recently the 2015/2016 winter season. While strong events had noteworthy impacts across the region in March and April, significant river flooding has occurred during less intense El Nino events, like the one anticipated for this winter.

El Nino events provide for heavier than normal precipitation across the Southeastern US during the winter season. This year, with soil conditions much wetter than normal and the potential for increased rainfall this winter season, his-

torical data would suggest an increased threat for river flooding, according to the National Weather Service.

What we know now....

- Above normal precipitation, largely due to Hurricane Michael and a recent widespread rain event at the first of December, has occurred across much of the region.

- Many areas in the western half of the region are more than 10 inches above normal rainfall for the last 3 months.

- While Winter and early

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Elba Police Report

The Elba Police Department, beginning Monday, Dec. 3, investigated the following incidents: one robbery, two for burglary, five for theft of property, three for criminal mischief, one private property accident, one recovery of narcotics, one escape, two for unlawful possession of a controlled substance, two for possession of marijuana, two for possession of drug paraphernalia, two for carrying a pistol unlawfully, one harassing communications, one harassment, one attempting to elude and one reckless endangerment.

The following arrests were made: one for possession of a controlled substance, four on warrants, three for carrying a firearm without a permit, three for possession of marijuana, one for possession of drug paraphernalia, and one for robbery.

There were eight traffic citations and 15 traffic warnings issued by Elba Police officers during the timeframe of Dec. 3rd - Dec. 9th.

MONDAY, DEC. 3 - Officers responded to a medical call in area of N Claxton Ave (12:12 a.m.); Officer out with a suspicious unoccupied vehicle reported behind the American Legion building on Troy Hwy (3:16 a.m.); Report of theft of property in area of Sunset Blvd (3:40 p.m.); Report of a suspicious person in area of Troy Hwy near the

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TUESDAY, DEC. 4 - Officers out with two suspicious persons in area of Larkin Rd (5:22 a.m.); Officers out with goats in area of Wells Fargo Bank - goats placed back in pen by owner (9:51 a.m.); Report of subject hitting the Fred's building on Hwy 203 (12:34 p.m.); Officers advised of male subject who walked off from work release at City of Elba street department - later in day officers discovered the subject had been dropped off at a store on Hwy 87 S (1:51 p.m.).

WEDNESDAY, DEC. 5 - Officers responded to a call of a suspicious vehicle on Forest Lake Dr - driver was identified and left the area (10:48 a.m.); Report of flowers stolen from a gravesite at Evergreen Cemetery (11:56 a.m.); Officers met with an individual on County Rd 401 in reference to an argument (9:36 p.m.).

THURSDAY, DEC. 6 - Officers assisted a motorist out of gas on Hwy 203

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FRIDAY, DEC. 7 - Attempted break-in of a residence reported on Reese Ave (7:57 a.m.); Report of a person at a business in area of Claxton Ave that appeared to be under influence of a controlled substance (3:14 p.m.); Suspicious vehicle reported in area of County Rd 367 (5:35 p.m.); Reports of shots fired in area of Harper Dr and Carver Circle (8:10 p.m.); Report of a possible breaking and entering of a residence in area of Williams Ave (9:32 p.m.).

SATURDAY, DEC. 8 - Suspicious vehicle reported in area of Williams Ave (3:35 a.m.); Report of male subject in area of Elba Villas taking several pills - Haynes Ambulance transported subject to a hospital (4:15 a.m.); Report of two subjects fighting with a gun in area of Martin Luther King Dr (11:00 a.m.); Report of theft of property in area of E Davis St (12:27 p.m.); Report of person possibly on some type of drugs in area of Boutwell (3:29 p.m.).

SUNDAY, DEC. 9 - Officers investigated report of a suspicious vehicle/subject in area of Tiger Dr (5:18 p.m.); Officers responded to request for close patrol in area of cemetery on Claxton Ave - in reference to flowers being stolen from gravesites (7:10 p.m.); Report of reckless driver in area of Hwy 84 E (7:43 p.m.); Assault reported at a residence on Moore St - officers found complainant to be intoxicated (time not noted).

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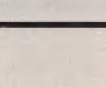
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Obituaries

Death notices updated regularly at <www.elba-clipper.com>

WILLIAM HAYES AMMONS

Mr. William Hayes Ammons, age 81, a resident of the Zion Chapel Community, died Friday, Dec. 7, 2018, at Crenshaw Community Hospital in Luverne, Ala.

Funeral services were held Tuesday, Dec. 11, from the Chapel of Hayes Funeral Home in Elba with Rev. Will Jordan officiating. Burial followed in the Rugg Family Cemetery with Hayes Funeral Home directing. The family requested memorials be made to the Shriners Hospitals for Children, c/o 2900 n. Rocky Point Drive, Tampa, FL 33607.

He was preceded in death by his parents, Eva Pearl Ammons and Andrew Jack Ammons, his wife, Rebecca Ann Rugg Ammons, and by a grandson, Austin Smith.

Survivors include his daughter and son-in-law: Lisa and Alan Smith, Jack, Ala.; son and daughter-in-law: Michael and Meg Ammons, Comer, Ala.; grandson: Josh Smith, Lena, La.; granddaughters: Ciara Legg, Jack, Frankie Ammons, Auburn, Ala.; great-granddaughter: Cadence Legg, Jack; brother: Lamar Ammons, San Antonio, Texas, and a sister: Earlene Green, Troy, Ala.

JACKIE DEAN BUNDY
Mr. Jackie Dean Bundy, age 64, a resident of Kinston, Ala., died Wednesday, Dec. 5, 2018, at Wiregrass Medical Center in Geneva, Ala.

Graveside services were held Thursday, Dec. 6, at Haw Hill Assembly of God Church Cemetery with Rev. Jimmy Eddins officiating. Burial followed under the direction of Hayes Funeral Home.

Jackie was preceded in death by his parents, William Lester Bundy and Hazel Walker Bundy.

Survivors include two sisters: Shelia Cannon, Houston, Texas, and Mary Naomi Bundy, Opp, Ala.

JOE E. CLARK JR.

Mr. Joe E. Clark Jr., age 76, of Elba, Ala., died Thursday, Dec. 6, 2018, at Medical Center Enterprise in Enterprise, Ala.

Funeral services were held Sunday, Dec. 9, from the Chapel of Hayes Funeral Home in Elba with Rev. Michael Woodham officiating. Burial followed in the New Brockton Cemetery with Hayes Funeral Home of Elba directing.

Joe was born November 8, 1942, to the late Joe E. Clark Sr. and Hazel Busbee Clark in Enterprise. He was a 1961 graduate of New Brockton High School. He attended Jacksonville State College. He retired after 20 years from Alabama Emergency Management.

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He retired from the Alabama Army National Guard as a Chief Warrant Officer 4.

Joe was the Camp Commander of Camp #911 Coffee County Rangers, Sons of Confederate Veterans and Southeast Brigade Commander of the Alabama Division Sons of Confederate Veterans for ten years. He served as Commander of the Chaplain Stephen A. Pilley Chapter #302 Military Order of Stars and Bars, Alabama Society, Troy, Ala. He also was a member of the American Legion Culver Post 42.

In addition to his parents, he was preceded in death by his grandparents, Elmore and Lois Bailey Clark, Elba, and James Henry Busbee, Florala, AL and Ethel Lee Page Dick, Elba.

Survivors include his wife: Gladys Wadonna (Donna) Pittman Clark; daughter: Rhonda Regina (Steve) Smith, Midlothian, Texas, and grandchildren Daniel Mark (Keri), David Chad (Alex), Asha Arlena, Mellie Margaret, and

Clark Joe; daughter: Stacey Page Clark (Rick Stacy), Colorado Springs, Colo., and grandchildren Chance Christopher Smith, Megan Brittany (Jason) Anable, Destiny Rowan Hage, Brea Summer Hage; daughter: Gina Aileen (Tim) Hurry, Birmingham, Ala., and grandchildren Kathryn Taylor, John Michael and Caroline Elizabeth; son: Joe Clark III, (Becca), Babbie, Ala., and grandchildren Thomas Jackson Clark, Hunner and Dalton Byrd, Katie Valentine (John), Autumn Jeffers, and Tyler Jeffers; three great-granddaughters; a great-grandson; and a sister: Cheryl Lynn Clark (Dan Gotheridge), Vernon, Fla.

LILLIE MAE SMITH JOHNSON

Mrs. Lillie Mae Smith Johnson, age 89, of Waynesville, Ga., died Friday, Dec. 7, 2018, at Bayview Nursing Home after an extended illness.

A memorial service will be held Saturday afternoon (December 15, 2018) at King Memorial Baptist Church.

Arrangements are with Frye Funeral Home, Nahnta, Ga.

Born in Elba, Ala., her parents were Lemuel Ellis Smith and Eva Mae Watson Smith. She is also preceded in death by her husband, Emmitt Johnson; her son, David Johnson; a daughter, Mary Ann Taylor; four grandchildren, David Johnson, Angie Johnson, Lisa Johnson, and Chris Taylor; two daughters-in-law, Janice Johnson and Kim Johnson; and two brothers, James Smith and Wilmer Smith.

Survivors include her two daughters and sons-in-law: Kathy Johnson Smith (James), of Waynesville, Brenda Clark (Rex), of White Oak; four sons and a daughter-in-law: Joe Johnson of Lulaton, Terry Johnson of Waynesville, Jerry Johnson (Teresa) of Waynesville

and Donnie Johnson of Brunswick; numerous grandchildren, great-grandchildren, and great-great-grandchildren; a sister, Merle Danford of Jacksonville; and also several nieces, nephews, and other relatives.

MAJOR J. CALDWELL SR.

Mr. Major J. Caldwell Sr., age 93, of Elba, Ala., died recently at Elba Health and Rehabilitation.

Funeral services were held Tuesday, Dec. 4, 2018, at Harris Temple C.O.G.I.C with Coleman Funeral Home of Elba directing.

Major Caldwell was born January 11, 1925 to the late Archie and Willie Berry Caldwell in Elba. Several brothers, sisters, one daughter - Mary Nell Caldwell James, and three grandchildren preceded him in death.

Survivors include eight children: David (Kathy) Caldwell, Columbus, Ga., Annie Lois Kelly, M.J. Caldwell Jr., Angela Folmar, Carolyn Caldwell, Rhonda Caldwell, Willie Caldwell, and Mary Jean Caldwell, all of Elba; one son-in-law: Tommy James, Enterprise, Ala.; 19 grandchildren, 35 great-grandchildren; and a host of nieces, nephews, relatives, and friends.

MARY A. JACKSON

Mrs. Mary A. Jackson, age 72, of Enterprise, Ala., died Wednesday, Nov. 28, 2018, at Medical Center Enterprise with her family by her side.

Funeral services were held Saturday, Dec. 8, at Pleasant Shade Missionary Baptist Church with Coleman Funeral Home of Enterprise directing.

Mrs. Jackson was born to the late Willie and Rosie Turner on January 1, 1946, in Coffee County. In June 1965, she was united in Holy Matrimony to Willie Lewis Jackson, her high school sweetheart.

Mary was educated in the Enterprise City School System. Upon graduation, she attended Alabama A&M College in Huntsville, Ala. Later, she transferred to Daniel Payne College in Birmingham and received her B.S. degree in elementary education. She did graduate studies at Alabama State University.

Her first employment was with the Head Start Program, as a teacher and later as Center Director.

She taught in the Coffee County School System a number of years. Mary retired from the Geneva County School System.

Her father and mother, Willie and Rosie Turner, one sister (Hazel), and brothers, Willie, Ed, Curtis, and a newborn brother, all preceded her in death.

Survivors include her brothers: Shadrach Turner, Enterprise, Carl Lee Turner (Jeanette), Montgomery, Ala.; sisters: Mary Brooks (Oscar), and Martha Judd (Floyd), all of Enterprise; a host of nieces, nephews, cousins, relatives, and friends.

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DAV Chapter 99 plans 6th annual community Christmas Get-to-Gather for Thursday, Dec. 13th

Disabled American Veterans (DAV) Wiregrass Chapter 99, will be holding its 6th Annual Community Christmas Get-to-Gather on Thursday, Dec. 13, from 6:00 to 8:00 p.m.

This is to show appreciation to all in the Wiregrass, along with active duty, veterans, and family members who have supported the DAV efforts to better serve the nation's veterans, active duty service personnel and family members. The group meets at the New Brockton Senior Center, 130 Vester Cole St., New Brockton.

Beverages, hors d'oeuvres and Christmas sweets will be available.

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prior to December 9th, 2018 if planning to attend to insure ample food items for all attending.

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LIFESTYLES

Elba's Ashley Brunson named director of Barbour County DHR

Elba's Ashley Brunson recently received an appointment as the new director of the Barbour County Department of Human Resources (DHR). Brunson was announced as the new director on Nov. 16th. She began her career as a social service caseworker with Coffee County's DHR in May 2007 and was promoted to child welfare supervisor in September 2010. In June 2016, Brunson was promoted to program specialist with the state Department of Human Resources. She held that



Ashley Brunson

position until her recent promotion to be Barbour County's DHR director.

Katie Britt named president of Business Council of Alabama

The Business Council of Alabama has selected Alabama native Katie Boyd Britt as the organization's next president.

Britt, who currently serves as Chief of Staff to United States Senator Richard C. Shelby, will start the job on January 2, 2019.

"We are excited to welcome Katie as the BCA's new president," said Alabama Power CEO Mark Crosswhite, who chairs the BCA's Executive Committee. "As the top staff member for Senator Shelby, she has worked daily with businesses and elected officials from around Alabama and the country. She also has a special ability to work with and unite people from all walks of life. She has all of the tools we were looking for to support the business growth across the state that will drive our economy in the years ahead."

Britt was born and raised in Enterprise, Ala., and attended The University of Alabama, where she served as president of the Student Government Association. She also earned her law degree from the University of Alabama School of Law.

Over the past decade, she has served in a number of senior positions for Senator Shelby in Washington.



Katie Boyd Britt

Before becoming Chief of Staff, Britt was the youngest press secretary in the U.S. Senate. She previously led state governmental affairs for the Butler Snow law firm in Montgomery and also practiced corporate law. She has also served as a member of the BCA Board of Directors.

Britt, her husband, Wesley, and their two children, Bennett and Ridgeway, will reside in Montgomery.

"My heart is in Alabama," said Britt. "Our state has made significant progress in recent years, and I am honored to have been chosen to lead BCA during this time of growth. I look forward to building on that momentum through collective efforts with our BCA members, elected officials,

and business allies across the state – identifying opportunities every day in which we can provide and advance real, tangible solutions. BCA's successes are Alabama's successes, and our unique ability to take on big challenges and deliver strategic results will advance our economy and best serve the men and women who make up the backbone of our state."

Britt, who will be the first female president at BCA, said her top initial priorities will be:

- Working with the Executive Committee and Board of Directors to develop a new long-term strategic plan for the organization.
- Building bridges with other organizations to identify shared priorities and objectives at the state and federal level.
- Reaching out to all businesses in the state to better understand how BCA can bring value to their company.
- Bringing a fresh, new approach to working with all elected officials and policy makers at the local, state, and federal level to support pro-business, pro-economic growth policies that support all sectors of Alabama's economy: industrial, commercial, small business, tech and healthcare entrepreneurs.

BCA Executive Committee Member Carl Jamison said Britt brought to the table the qualities and experience needed to successfully move BCA forward.

"BCA has an important responsibility to its members and to our state moving forward," Jamison said.

"With Katie's energy and experiences in Montgomery and Washington, she understands the constructive role BCA can play."

Britt said a strong BCA is vital for Alabama's success as a state and for its residents.

"From the Tennessee Valley to the Wiregrass and then over to Mobile Bay, we have a remarkably diverse economy," Britt said.

"But to ensure Alabama's future success,

we must encourage policies and priorities that strengthen our businesses and provide opportunities for our citizens."

The Business Council of Alabama is a non-partisan, statewide business association representing the interests and concerns of nearly 1 million working Alabamians.

WIREGRASS CHAPTER OF THE ALABAMA SOCIETY SONS OF THE AMERICAN REVOLUTION PRESENTS MILITARY SERVICE MEDALS TO VETERANS



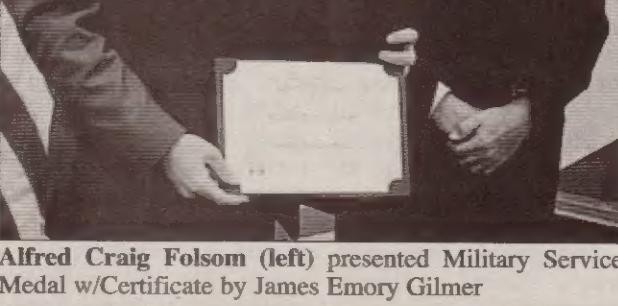
Edwin Travis Parker Jr (left) presented Military Service Medal w/Certificate by James Emory Gilmer



Dr. Paul Jackson Anderson, Jr (left) presented Military Service Medal w/Certificate by James Emory Gilmer



Alfred Craig Folsom (left) presented Military Service Medal w/Certificate by James Emory Gilmer



James Emory Gilmer (left) presented Military Service Medal w/Certificate by Perry Vickers

At the Christmas Chartering Banquet held Thursday evening, Dec. 6, the Wiregrass Chapter, Alabama Society of the American Revolution, presented Military Service and War Medals with certificates to members of the Wiregrass Chapter who are military veterans.

The following chapter members were presented awards at the banquet:

- Edwin Travis Parker Jr. - Military Service Medal w/Certificate
- Alfred Craig Folsom - Military Service Medal w/Certificate
- Dr. Paul Jack Anderson Jr. - Military Service Medal w/Certificate

• James Emory Gilmer - Military Service Medal w/Certificate

The following chapter members were not present, and will be given their awards at a later date:

- John Riley Wallace - Military Service Medal w/Certificate

- Malon Ellis Murphy - Military Service Medal w/Certificate

- Guy Patrick Daniel - Military Service Medal w/Certificate

- John Whitener Jr - Military War Medal (Korea and Vietnam) w/Certificate

- Jerry Gillis Allen - Military War Medal (Vietnam and Panama) w/Certificate

The Wiregrass Chapter, Alabama Society Sons of the American Revolution, awarded these medals and certificates with deep appreciation and thanks for service to country.

Chili Country Christmas set for Dec. 14th & 15th at Theater in Brundidge

By popular demand, Grammy nominee Josh Goforth will be in concert at the annual Chili Country Christmas at the We Piddle Around Theater in Brundidge on Dec. 14 and 15.

Goforth is a highly acclaimed traditional musician and one of the finest fiddle, banjo and guitar players in the country. He is a master at combining stories and music. He has performed at the Grand Ole Opry, Carnegie Hall, throughout Europe and Japan and in every state except Hawaii.

Wherever Josh Goforth goes, he has audiences stomping and clapping to his old-time fiddling and then strolling down memory lane with his stories of his grandpa and his own life in Appalachia.

There's no better way to get into the Christmas spirit than to sit down to a bowl of hot chili on a chilly winter night and enjoy the songs of stories of the Christmas season. Goforth will bring both the merriment and warmth of the Christmas season to the stage.

Each Chili Country Christmas brings renewed awareness to the real reason for the season and no one does it better than Josh Goforth.

Tickets are \$20 and include the pre-show, the chili supper with dessert and the Christmas program of music and stories. Doors open at 6:20 p.m.

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Diana White

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COVENANT COMMUNITY CHURCH

A POEM FOR A BLUE CHRISTMAS

by Rev. Diana Farrell White

I thank God for the evergreens: the fir, the cedar, the pine
Without them the winter is very grim, no color outside to
find
The evening darkness holds me hostage, taking me deep
within
To the inner wrestling of the soul, searching for hope again
I thank God for candlelight, sparkling lights and red bows
On these I focus night by night as I wait for the sun to glow
I'm told in carols, in cards and on packages to feel "merry
and bright"
As years pass by I long for, struggle for and search for that
joy and delight
I see that excitement in my children. They sing so loud,
happy and free!
So I move closer to the candles, the lights and the carols. I
implore You, draw near to me!

Harris Temple COGIC announces upcoming holiday events/activities

Harris Temple COGIC will have its Annual Rosa Coleman Christmas dinner on Sunday, Dec. 16, immediately following the 11 a.m. church service.

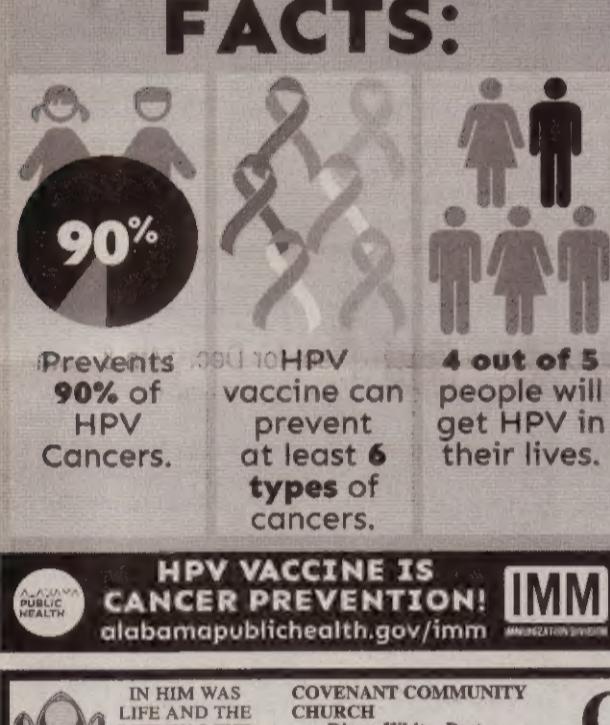
This dinner will be held at the Elba Recreation Center and is sponsored by the Harris Temple First Family.

On Monday, Dec. 31, Harris Temple COGIC will have its Watch Night Service beginning at 10 p.m. This service is free

and open to the public. Immediately following the Harris Temple Watch Night Service, the ACTS Ministries COGIC will host a New Year's Eve Celebration on Tuesday morning, Jan. 1, from 12-2 a.m. The cost is \$10 for adults and \$5 for children ages 5-12. There will be special pricing for a family of five or more.

Contact Lady Sara Ellison for more information.

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Fellowship . . . 9:45 a.m.
Worship . . . 10:00 a.m.
Wed. Night (Youth Real Deal and Children's Activities) . . . 6:00 p.m.

DAMASCUS BAPT. CHURCH

Steve Watson, Pastor

Sunday School . . . 9:45 a.m.
Morn. Worship . . . 11:00 a.m.
Wed. Bible Study . . . 6:00 p.m.

FAIRVIEW BAPT CHURCH

Garry Winstead, Pastor

Sunday School . . . 9:45 a.m.
Morn. Worship . . . 11:00 a.m.
Wed. Prayer Service 7:00 p.m.

FRIENDSHIP BAPTIST CHURCH

Scott Donaldson, Pastor

Sunday School . . . 9:45 a.m.
Morn. Worship . . . 11:00 a.m.
Wed. Bible Study . . . 6:00 p.m.

ELBA CHURCH OF CHRIST

Phillip Box, Minister

Sunday School . . . 9:45 a.m.
Morn. Worship . . . 11:00 a.m.
Wed. Bible Study . . . 7:00 p.m.

FRIENDSHIP HOLINESS CHURCH

Edward E. Drake, Pastor

Sunday School . . . 10:00 a.m.
Morn. Worship . . . 11:00 a.m.
Sun. Night . . . 6:00 p.m.
Thur. Night . . . 7:00 p.m.

GODS POWER HOUSE

Rev. Charles Jones, Pastor

Sat. Service . . . 6:00 p.m.
Sun. Service . . . 10:00 a.m.
Even. Service . . . 4:00 p.m.

ELBA 1st ASSEMBLY OF GOD

Dwight Johnson, Pastor

Sunday School . . . 10:00 a.m.
Morn. Worship . . . 11:00 a.m.
Even. Worship . . . 6:00 p.m.
Wed. Prayer Service 6:30 p.m.

ELBA BAPTIST CHURCH

Tom Senn, Pastor

Sunday School . . . 10:00 a.m.
Morn. Worship . . . 11:00 a.m.
Even. Worship . . . 6:00 p.m.
Wed. Prayer Service 6:30 p.m.

ELBA 1st BAPTIST CHURCH

Michael Woodham, Pastor

Sunday School . . . 9:00 a.m.
Morn. Worship . . . 10:00 a.m.
Even. Service . . . 5:00 p.m.
Wed. Service . . . 6:30 p.m.

HAM UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

Rev. Michael Lawler, Pastor

Morn. Worship . . . 8:45 a.m.
Wed. Service . . . 6:30 p.m.

HAW HILL ASSEMBLY OF GOD

Shirlee Ellis, Pastor

Sunday School . . . 10:00 a.m.
Morn. Worship . . . 11:00 a.m.
Even. Service . . . 6:00 p.m.
Wed. Prayer Service 7:00 p.m.

HEBBON BAPT. CHURCH

Mark Cooper, Pastor

Sunday School . . . 10:00 a.m.
Morn. Worship . . . 11:00 a.m.
Even. Services . . . 6:00 p.m.
Wed. Bible Study . . . 6:00 p.m.

ELBA ZION BAPT. CHURCH

Lovell Martin, Pastor

Sunday School . . . 9:45 a.m.
Morn. Worship . . . 11:00 a.m.
Even. Service . . . 6:30 p.m.
Wed. Even. Meeting 7:00 p.m.

CORNERSTONE BIBLE CHURCH

Larry Mills, Pastor

Sunday School . . . 10:00 a.m.
Sunday Worship . . . 11:00 a.m.
Wed. Night . . . 7:00 p.m.

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Church Service . . . 9:00 a.m.
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Sunday School . . . 9:00 a.m.
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CHESTNUT GROVE METHODIST CHURCH

Rev. Remonia Smith

Church Service . . . 9:00 a.m.

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Sunday School . . . 9:00 a.m.

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BROOKLYN BAPT CHURCH

Robert Davis, Pastor

Sunday School . . . 10:00 a.m.

Morn. Worship . . . 11:00 a.m.

Even. Worship . . . 6:00 p.m.

BLUFF SPRINGS BAPTIST CHURCH

Tom Senn, Pastor

Sunday School . . . 10:00 a.m.

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Operator II

Demonstrated experience operating heavy equipment and a valid Alabama Driver's License required. Knowledge and experience operating crawler dozers, excavators, and articulating dump trucks preferred. Works well in a landfill environment. Benefits include: paid vacation, sick leave, health insurance, holidays, and State retirement. Starting pay depends on experience. Closing date: December 21, 2018.

Operator II / CDL's

Demonstrated experience operating heavy equipment and a valid Alabama Driver's License required. CDLs with tanker and HAZMAT endorsements, and knowledge and experience operating crawler dozers, excavators, and articulating dump trucks preferred. Benefits include: paid vacation, sick leave, health insurance, holidays, and State retirement. Starting pay depends on experience. Closing date: December 21, 2018.

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/s/ James Oscar Coles III
James Oscar Coles III
Executor of the
Estate of Ruth Ellen Ingram,
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IN THE PROBATE COURT OF COFFEE COUNTY, ALABAMA

CASE # PC-2018-084

In Re: The Estate of Ruth Ellen Ingram,
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NOTICE TO CREDITORS

TAKE NOTICE that Letters Testamentary having been granted to James Oscar Coles III, as Executor of the Estate of Ruth Ellen Ingram, Deceased on the 15th day of October 2018, by the Honorable Steven E. Blair.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that all persons having claims against the said Estate are hereby required to present the same within the time allowed by law or the same will be barred.

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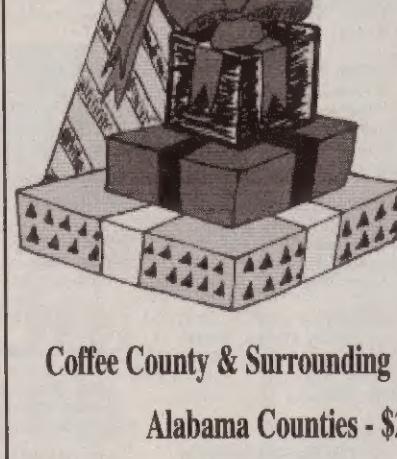
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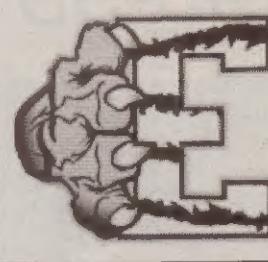
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Elba High's basketball program set to host basketball tournament

Elba High School will host its inaugural Christmas Basketball Tournament on Saturday, Dec. 15, 2018.

Six teams are set to compete at both the Elba High

School and Elba Elementary School gyms. The tournament will be from 7:15 a.m. to around 1:15 p.m.

The public is invited.



ELBA HIGH SCHOOL CHOIR SELLING ORNAMENTS... The Eclectics Show Choir is selling keepsake ornaments as a fundraiser. These shatterproof ornaments feature the 'Claw E' logo and are being sold for \$10. The Show Choir has 250 ornaments in stock and expects them to go fast! See any choir member or contact Mr. Jason Tucker to get one today!



EHS BAND CHRISTMAS CONCERT... The EHS Band Christmas Concert was Thursday, Dec. 6, at 6 pm. There were performances by the 5th and 6th grade bands, as well as the EHS high school concert band.



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National Beta announces Elba High School as a 2018-2019 National School of Distinction.

This award is an honor for Beta Chapters striving towards academic achievement, exemplary character, demonstrated leadership and service to others. With an ongoing quest to instill these qualities in more students, the National Beta School of Distinction Award is designed to award those schools that show an increase in membership for the current school year.

"I am very proud of our group of Senior Beta members," said Jane Moseley, Senior Beta sponsor. "Our club has 56 members this year and they have worked hard supporting their school and community as well as collecting donations for Hurricane victims in Florida."

She continued, "All of our members are extremely involved in multiple school activities and are highly motivated in their academics. We have a great group of leaders!"

Award recipients received a *National Beta School of Distinction* banner to proudly display

ELBA SCHOOLS HAPPENINGS

ELBA UMBRELLAS FOR SALE... The Elba High School cheerleaders are selling Elba umbrellas for \$25 each. The sales will continue through Friday, Dec. 14th. If interested in purchasing an umbrella, contact amoore@elbaed.com.

ELBA CITY SCHOOLS WILL DISMISS at 11:30 a.m. on Friday, Dec. 14, for the Christmas holidays break. Students will return to school on Monday, Jan. 7, 2019!

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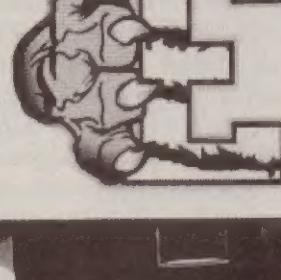


Several Elba High Senior Beta Club members are shown standing in front of the *National Beta School of Distinction* banner that was presented to Elba High School upon receiving this special designation.

as a symbol of their accomplishment. In addition, *National Beta School of Distinction* recipients will be publicized at the 2019 National Beta Convention in Oklahoma City, OK this June.

"This prestigious honor

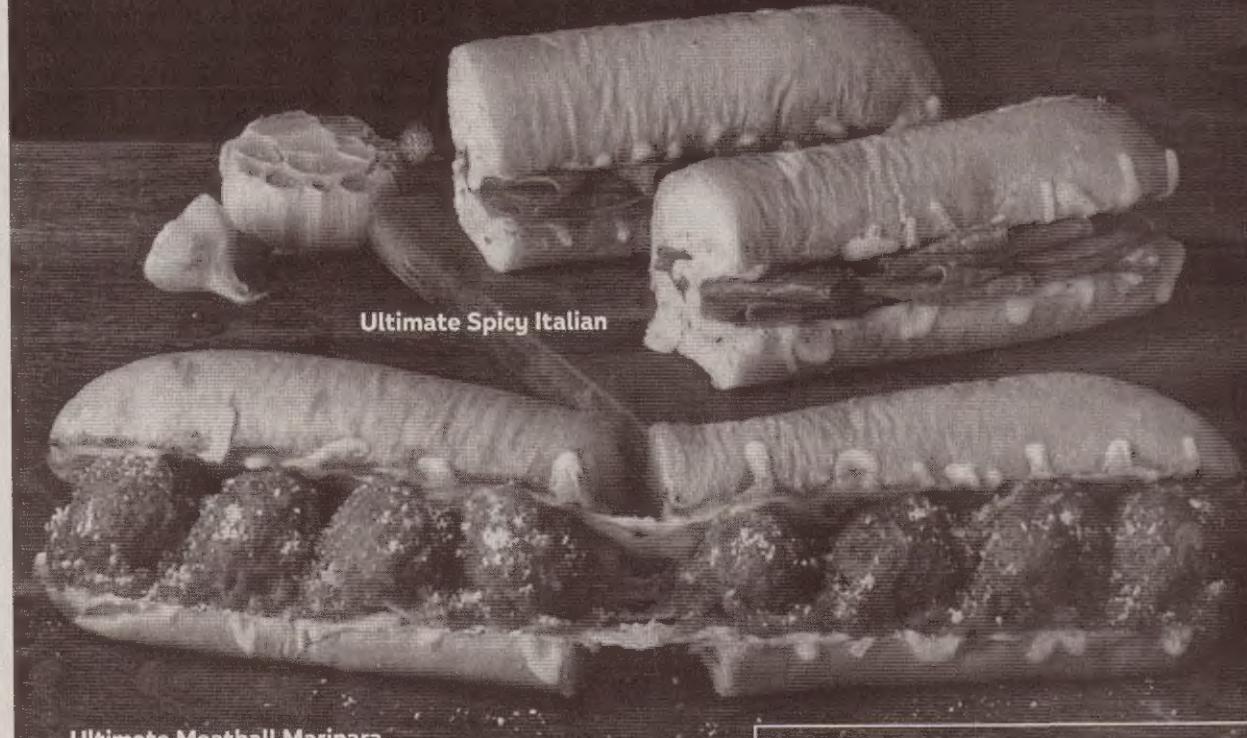
is a true indication of Elba High School's dedication to academic excellence, leadership development and commitment to celebrating their student's achievements," said National Beta's chief executive officer, Bobby Hart.



CHRISTMAS SHOWCASE 2018... Elba City Schools presented the Christmas Showcase 2018 on Tuesday, Dec. 4th. There were two performances. One was during the school day so the student body could experience the Christmas music, and the other was that night. The showcase featured The Eclectics Show Choir, which contains students from Elba, Kinston, New Brockton, and Zion Chapel; and the Elba Elementary School Choir students. Above, The Eclectics are shown performing "Santa Claus is Comin' to Town" during the evening performance, which was open to the public.

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SPORTS

Views From The Pressbox

By Ricky Mularz, Sports Editor

Our grandson Lawson helped his second grade classmates perform at a Christmas show last week at Elba High School and was easy to spot in the group as he wore a headpiece with blinking lights and a necklace that was also adorned in blinking lights. There was no doubt my little man had the Christmas spirit!

For what is worth....

*** **The Elba Tigers tipped off the basketball season** over the weekend with a big 50-33 road win over the Opp Bobcats. The Tigers had a hard time finding their way to the basket in the first half and scored only 14 points in the opening two quarters, but began to settle in early in the second half and used their quickness and athleticism to pull away for the lopsided win. Richmon Singletary put the team on his shoulders in the second half to lead it back from a nine-point halftime deficit and led the Tigers to the win, while Alex Wright was a force inside and Logan Medlock was a surprise source of points from the outside with a couple of three-pointers. The Tigers lack of practice was evident early on, but they are loaded with athletes and even on a bad night shooting can hang around due to their quickness and have a chance to win. It is going to be an interesting season, no doubt.

*** **The Elba Lady Tigers upped their record to 3-1** with an easy win over the Opp Lady Bobcats and appear to have both the depth and desire to be big winners on the court. The Lady Tigers may appear to be a little ragged at times as they chase opponents around the court and take shots going at breakneck speeds toward the goal. However, they make it work and after four games already have three wins on their side of the ledger. The Elba girls will no doubt settle into a more disciplined style of play as the season progresses, but lets hope they never slow down and back away from their aggressive style of play.

*** **It was a busy week on the basketball court** for area teams as they all hit the court and battled hard looking for some early-season wins. Here's a quick look back....

** **Kinston** – The Bulldogs picked up a big win over Pleasant Home and appear to have two of the top scorers in the area with Jacob Wood and Hunter Davis, while the Lady Bulldogs also have a standout in Courtney Lunsford, but may lack the depth to win on a nightly basis.

** **Zion Chapel** – The Rebels had a rough week on the court, but it is easy to see they have a new attitude and belief in their abilities, while the Lady Rebels are competitive and should be a factor as the season rolls along.

** **New Brockton** – The Gamecocks are off to a tough start and have been roughed up at times, but they have played a killer schedule and are probably better than their record may indicate, while the Lady Gamecocks have shown some drive at times and before long may find a couple of wins.

** **Brantley** – The Bulldogs picked up an exciting overtime win over Opp and are just as solid as ever, while the Lady Bulldogs are undefeated in early-season play and have their eyes set on an area title.

*** **Enterprise High School found the new head football coach** it wanted and opened up its checkbook to get him last week as it hired former Apopka, Florida head coach Rick Darlington for an annual salary of \$115,000.02. Darlington's salary is about \$10,000 more than earned by former head coach David Faulkner, and is reportedly a substantial raise from his salary in Florida. The new Wildcat head coach will earn \$64,189.09 in teaching salary and \$50,810.93 for coaching, and will join the \$100,000 club in the state that includes as its members Jeff Kelly, of Saraland (\$113,155); Jamey Dubose, of Central Phenix City (\$112,276); Mark Freeman, of Thompson (\$129,354); and of course, Josh Niblett, of Hoover, who is the state's highest paid coach with a salary of \$136,767.85. I know football is a business at the college level, but it is hard for me to understand how a high school coach can bring in the extra money needed to justify that kind of salary.

*** **The Dothan City School Board recently announced its would consolidate** a number of schools, including combining Dothan High and Northview into one school, housed at the Northview campus. Dothan has had two high schools since the construction of Northview way back in 1978, but this upcoming school year will put all students in grades ten through twelve at one location, and if the student population remains consistent will create the state's third largest school with almost 2,000 students. The new school, which has yet to be named, will compete at the 6A level next school year due to region alignment in various sport, but will then make the move up to 7A. Officials at the AHSAA have stated the new school will take on one of the two schools schedules for the next season and also be responsible for the contracts with the other schools that will be left hunting a game. Other state schools that have through a similar consolidation in recent years include Sunshine and Akron into Hale County in 2014, Clay County and Lineville in 2012, Livingston and Sumter County into Sumter Central in 2011, and Gadsden, Emma Sansom and Litchfield into Gadsden City in 2006.

*** **The goings on up at Auburn would be almost comical if not for the fact** just about everything that happens will undoubtedly have negative impact on the football program. The behind the scenes drama against head coach Gus Malzahn has resulted in dictating a one-year deal for a new offensive coordinator, and apparently one potential coach has already turned down an offer to join the staff. On top of that, a four star running back has announced he will leave after Auburn coaches burned his redshirt status without even realizing the number of games the player had participated in. It is a mess up at Auburn and it only appears to be getting worse.

*** **In closing....** back years ago I would actually try to watch at least a quarter or two of just about every bowl game, but with the over abundance of bowls now in existence there is no way, and no desire to even watch a few games, even ones with SEC ties.

In season opener

Tigers rally to stop Opp 50-33

The Elba Tigers closed the third quarter on a 7-0 run to erase a 27-23 deficit and never looked back Saturday night as they opened the season with a 50-33 road win over the Opp Bobcats.

Elba jumped out to an early 6-2 lead behind the scoring of Richmon Singletary and Alex Wright, but scored only three points the rest of the opening quarter and watched as Opp's Bryan Matthews drained a pair of three-pointers that sparked a 12-3 Bobcat rally that put Opp on top 14-9 after one quarter of play.

The Tigers trailed only 14-12 with 3:49 left in the half after a basket by Singletary as both teams had a hard time knocking the lid off the basket. However, Matthews' third trey of the night pushed the Bobcat lead to 17-12 and at intermission Opp went in with a comfortable 23-14 advantage.

Elba's Richmon Singletary nailed a long three-pointer and scored the Tigers initial nine points of the third quarter as they pulled within 25-23 with 3:48 remaining in the quarter, while a put back by Chavez Hill with 29 seconds left on the clock gave Elba a 28-27 lead, and two late free throws by Singletary enabled Elba to carry a 30-27 lead into the final stanza.

A long three-pointer by Elba's Logan Medlock capped a 9-0 Tiger run early in the fourth quarter that stretched Elba's lead to 39-27 with 4:56 remaining on the clock, and while a three-pointer by Opp's Logan Ross ended the Bobcats long scoring drought, the Tigers reeled off the game's next eight points behind the inside play of Singletary and Medlock to blow the game open as they rolled to the 50-33 road win.

Richmon Singletary scored 20 points and



Elba Tiger Richmon Singletary (12) changes hands to lay in a basket in last weekend's 50-33 win over Opp. Singletary scored 20 points and grabbed 11 rebounds in the Tigers' season opening win.

(Photo by BC Sports Photography)

grabbed 11 rebounds to lead Elba, while Alex Wright added 9 points and 13 rebounds and Logan Medlock scored 10 points. Caleb Hinton scored 12 points and Bryan Matthews added 11 to lead Opp.

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Elba (50): Roberson 2, Lane 3, Ware 2, Singletary 20, Wright 9, Medlock 10, Hill 2, Sanders 2.

Opp (33): Hinton 12, Day 3, Ross 3, E. Matthews 4, B. Matthews 11.

(JV Game)

The Elba Tigers fell behind early and never recovered in a lopsided 41-14 loss to the Opp Bobcats.

Opp (41): Breen 1, Hill 2, Boutwell 7, Lindsey 3, Head 4, Lacey 7, Johnson 7, Chance 6, Bradley 2.

Elba (14): Thomas 1, Moguel 3, Carnley 5, Hill 1, Jordan 1, Woodard 2, Coleman 1.

Rip Opp 58-26

Elba Lady Tigers up season record to 3-1

The Elba Lady Tigers improved their early-season record to 3-1 Friday night with an easy 58-26 romp over the Opp Lady Bobcats, in Opp.

Elba jumped out to an early 6-0 lead behind the scoring punch of Freeda Hooks, A'Maysia Whitfield and Breana Sanders, and led 13-5 with 2:18 remaining in the quarter after a free throw by Melissa Williams, only to see Opp rally and pull within 15-12 early in the second quarter after a three-pointer by the Lady Bobcats Diamond Hill.

Freeda Hooks and A'Maysia Whitfield sparked a 10-0 Elba run after the Opp three-pointer to push the Lady Tigers lead to 25-12, and the Lady Tigers closed the half with a 13-5 run to carry a big 38-17 advantage at the half.

Breanna Sanders and

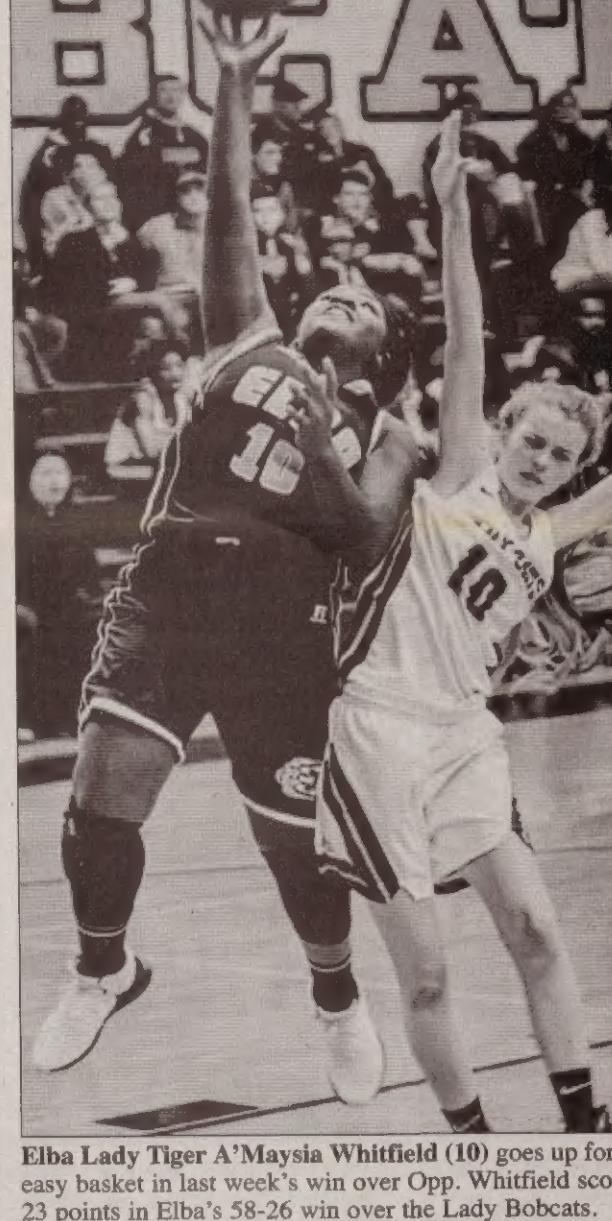
A'Maysia Whitfield continued to lead the Elba attack in the third quarter as the Lady Tigers lead grew to 49-24, and the Lady Tigers scored the game's final nine points to seal the deal on the lopsided 58-26 road win.

A'Maysia Whitfield scored 23 points to spark the Lady Tigers, while Freeda Hooks added 10 and Breanna Sanders scored 7 points.

Elba (58): J. Gray 3, M. Gray 1, Lindsey 3, Whitfield 23, Williams 4, Flowers 2, Hooks 10, Sanders 7, Baker 5.

Opp (26): Bell 2, N. Bell 2, Wilson 1, Reisnour 2, Jacobs 7, Henley 6, Hill 6.

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Elba Lady Tiger A'Maysia Whitfield (10) goes up for an easy basket in last week's win over Opp. Whitfield scored 23 points in Elba's 58-26 win over the Lady Bobcats.

(Photo by BC Sports Photography)

Elba High's basketball program set to host basketball tournament

Elba High School will host its inaugural Christmas Basketball Tournament on Saturday, Dec. 15, 2018.

Six teams are set to compete at both the Elba High

School and Elba Elementary School gyms.

The tournament will be from 7:15 a.m. to around 1:15 p.m.

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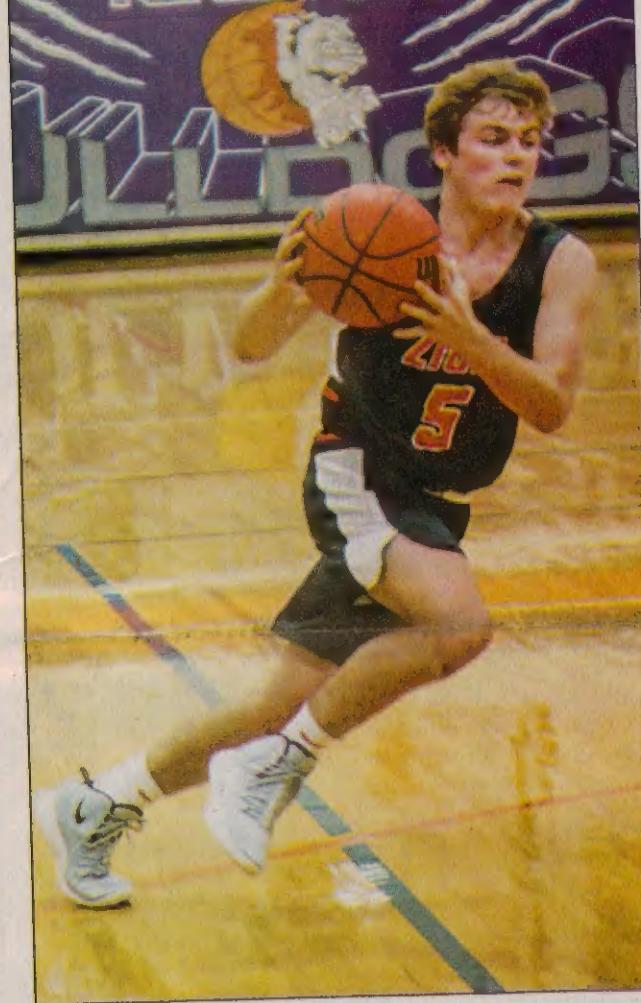
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SPORTS



Kinston Bulldog lays in a two-pointer in recent basketball action. The Bulldogs picked up a big win over Pleasant Home last week.

(Photo by BC Sports Photography)



Zion Chapel Rebel Nate Grantham (5) drives to the basket in recent basketball action.

(Photo by BC Sports Photography)



Brantley Lady Bulldog Cassidy Wilcox looks for a path to the goal in a recent win. The Lady Bulldogs are unbeaten in early-season play.

(Photo by BC Sports Photography)

High School BASKETBALL BRIEFS

BOYS:

Gamecocks fall hard to Ashford 70-27

The New Brockton Gamecocks continued their early-season struggles with a 70-27 loss to the Ashford Yellow Jackets. Caleb Hurley scored 23 points to lead the Gamecocks and pulled down 18 rebounds.

Brantley Bulldogs stop Opp 81-76

The Brantley Bulldogs needed four quarters and an overtime period to outscore the Opp Bobcats 81-76. Parker Driggers scored 23 points to lead the Bulldogs, while Jalanta Franklin added 15 and Tucker Kilcrease scored 12 points. Bryan Matthews poured in 27 points to lead the Bobcats.

Kinston Bulldogs cage Eagles 56-49

The Kinston Bulldogs posted an impressive 56-49 win over the Pleasant Home Eagles. Jacob Wood scored 20 points and Hunter Davis added 17 to spark the Bulldogs.

New Brockton gashed by Bulldogs 76-25

The New Brockton Gamecocks never had a chance in a 76-25 loss to the Geneva County Bulldogs. Jaquan Broxson scored 20 points and grabbed 11 rebounds to lead the Bulldogs, while Emmanuel Henderson added 13 points and handed out 8 assists.

Zion Chapel ambushed by Long 65-23

The Zion Chapel Rebels were ambushed Friday night by the G.W. Long Rebels 65-23. JD Finger scored 6 points to lead Zion Chapel, while Braxton Whitehead scored 16 points and Caison Long added 15 for the hometown Rebels.

Kinston Bulldogs fall to Geneva 72-62

The Kinston Bulldogs battled for all four quarters in a 72-62 loss to the Geneva Panthers. Hunter Davis scored 28 points and Jacob Wood added 25 to lead the Bulldogs, while Clayton Dunn and Ivey Lawson both scored 16 points to pace the Panthers.

GIRLS:

New Brockton ripped by Luverne 53-28

The New Brockton Lady Gamecocks fell behind early and never recovered in a 53-28 loss to the Luverne Lady Tigers. Jaida Gosha scored 14 points and grabbed 10 rebounds to lead New Brockton, while Undray Chism added 4 points and 5 rebounds.

Brockton stung by 'Jackets 46-37

The New Brockton Lady Gamecocks battled for all four quarters in a hard fought 46-37 loss to the Ashford Lady Jackets. Dashaia Nelson scored 14 points to lead the Lady Gamecocks, while Jaida Gosha added 8 points.

Brantley cages Lady Bobcats 61-28

The Brantley Lady Bulldogs stayed on an early-season run with a solid 61-28 win over the Opp Lady Bobcats. Gabby Perkins scored 18 points and grabbed 10 rebounds to lead the Lady Bulldogs, while Olivia Jones added 12 points.

Brockton falls to Lady Bulldogs 56-19

The New Brockton Lady Gamecocks were simply outmatched in a 56-19 loss to the Geneva County Lady Bulldogs. Jaida Gosha scored 12 points to lead the Lady Gamecocks, while Karoline Striplin scored 19 points to lead the Lady Bulldogs.

Kinston outscored by Lady Eagles 53-28

The Kinston Lady Bulldogs battled for all four quarters in a 53-28 loss to the Pleasant Home Lady Eagles. Courtney Lunsford scored 15 points to lead Kinston, while River Baldwin led Pleasant Home with 36 points and 16 rebounds.

Lady Gamecocks caged 64-18

The New Brockton Lady Gamecocks dropped a 64-18 decision to the Geneva County Lady Bulldogs. Karoline Striplin scored 28 points to lead Geneva County, while Abby Land and Anri Davis both scored 9 points.

Lady Rebels captured by Long 58-15

The Zion Chapel Lady Rebels never had a chance in a 58-15 loss to G.W. Long. Willow Johnson scored 8 points to lead the Lady Rebels, while Mary Beth Long scored 12 points and Hannah Payne added 11 to spark Long.

Kinston pounded by Panthers 64-19

The Kinston Lady Bulldogs were no match for Geneva and lost to the Lady Panthers 64-19. Courtney Lunsford scored 18 points to lead the Lady Bulldogs, while Anslee Finch scored 14 points and Melody Watson added 10 for the Lady Panthers.



Brantley Lady Bulldog Emory Bush (3) gets ready to fire up a 3-pointer during a recent Lady Bulldog win.

(Photo by BC Sports Photography)



Kinston Lady Bulldog Courtney Lunsford (1) goes up for an easy basket. Lunsford scored 33 points in two games last week to lead the Lady Bulldogs on the court.

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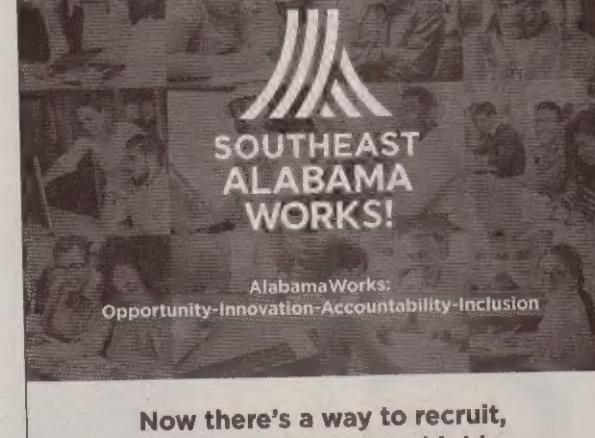
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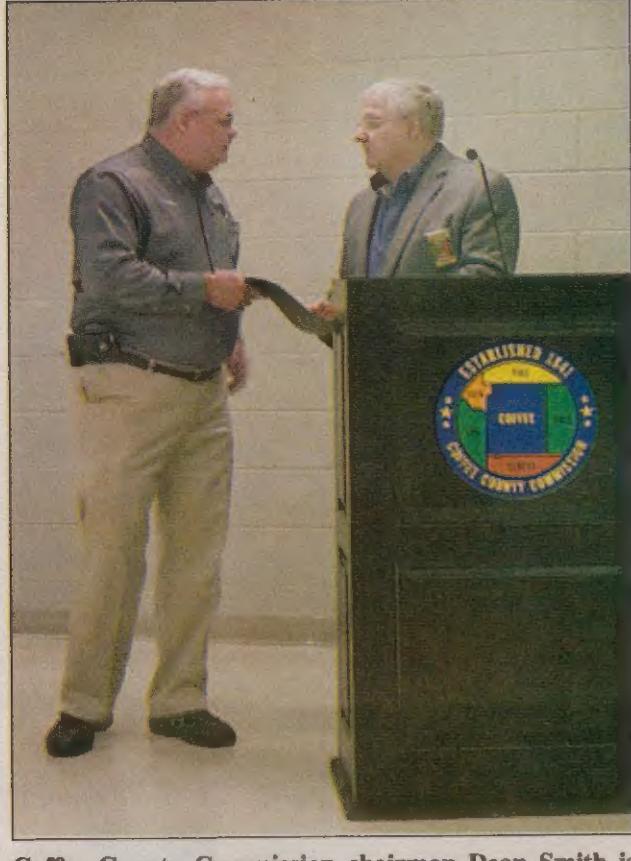
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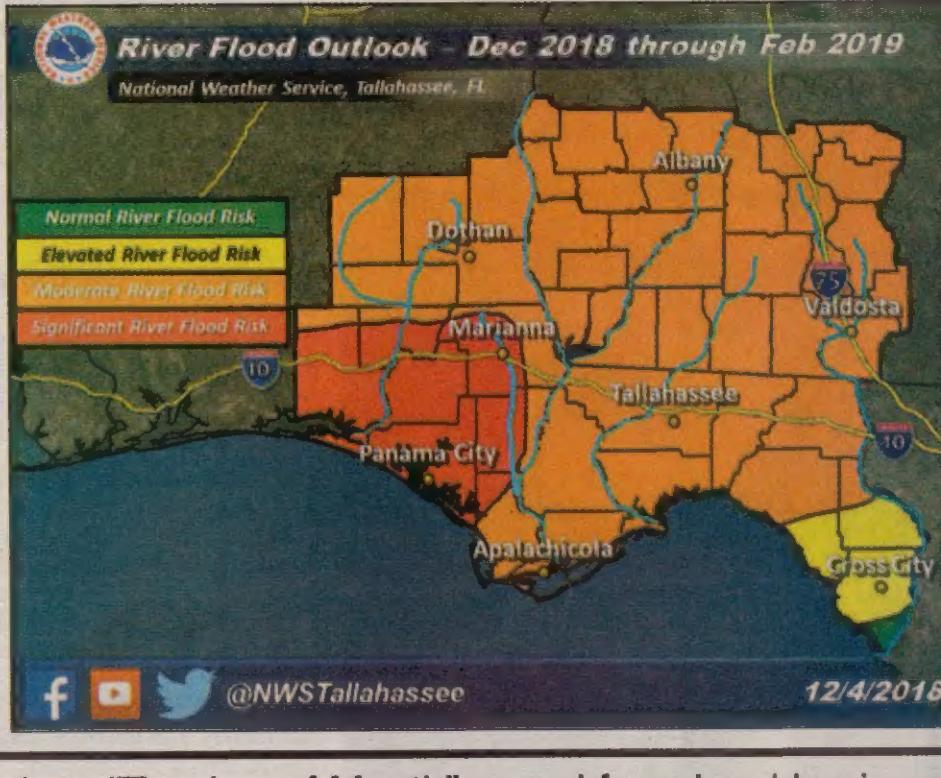
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What we expect...

- Through February, there is a moderate river flood risk across most of the region.

- While most area rivers are more vulnerable than normal to flooding, the greatest flood risk is in the Florida Panhandle.

- This outlook will be updated later this winter to address potential flooding in March and April.



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12/4/2018

Coffee County Commission chairman Dean Smith is shown presenting a resolution to Dean Blair, Coffee County solid waste officer, during the Monday, Dec. 10, commission meeting. Blair was honored during the meeting as he prepares to retire Jan. 1, 2019 after more than 30 years of public service. His career began in law enforcement, and he took on his current job in 2012.

BLAIR

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ily for their support through his years of public service. He said that support had meant more to him than anyone would ever realize.

Each of the seven Coffee County Commissioners took a few moments to also

thank Blair for his service to the county and to wish him well in retirement.

His service to the public is not quite done yet, however. After the first of the year, Blair will take on a part-time role with Coffee County E-911.

Zion Chapel Schools teacher Chelsi Jones is the Southeast Insurance and Real Estate "Teacher of the Month" for November.

Jones has been a teacher at Zion Chapel School for 11 years. She currently serves as the lead teacher in a First Class Pre-K Classroom at Zion Chapel. Her favorite thing about her school is the whole-child learning approach that has been embraced in grades Pre-K – 2nd grade.

She said this approach allows teachers the unique opportunity to foster a love for learning in the early childhood years by incorporating developmentally appropriate practices. Jones' goal for her students is for them to learn and grow and embrace the power of yet.

She received her Bachelor degree in early childhood education from Auburn University in Auburn, Ala., and a Master's degree in early childhood education from the University of Wes



Zion Chapel teacher Chelsi Jones is shown accepting her "Teacher of the Month" award for November 2018 from Ronnie Young of the Southeast Insurance and Real Estate business in Elba. Jones' Pre-K students at Zion Chapel also are pictured.

Alabama in Livingston, Ala.

During her time at Zion Chapel, Jones has served as cheerleading coach and varsity softball coach. She

has enjoyed numerous awards throughout her career from Teacher of the Year to being named the Dothan Eagle's Super 12 Softball Coach of the Year.

Chelsi is married to Ben Jones and she has two sons – Bowen, 11 years old, and

Greer, age 9.

When she is not teaching she enjoys family time which consist of watching Bowen play baseball, and Greer show cows. She also enjoys traveling and painting furniture.

Saddle Hill Pony Club of Elba wins big at POA Breed Show

The Saddle Hill Pony Club of Elba, Alabama ended its first year of showing with a bang at the First Annual Holiday Classic Pony of the Americas (POA) Breed Show in Ocala, Florida.

This was a two-day event, held Dec. 8-9, 2018, where the team showed to three POA judges.

The highlights and placings for the Saddle Hill Pony Club included the following:

Lilly Anderson and her mare, Daisy Duke, were unanimous winners of their halter classes, won two Senior Champion Mare titles, were Overall Grand Champion Mare on Sunday, and ended the circuit honored as Overall Reserve Champion Mare.

Giuliana Wyrosdick and her mare, Crusader Moon Dust, "Dusty," not only successfully competed in in-hand classes, but rode all day as well in Western, English, and Speed Events. With numerous wins and placings, they won the coveted Overall Hi Point on



Saddle Hill Pony Club members (left to right) Lilly Anderson, daughter of Christina and Tom Anderson of Enterprise, Ala., Giuliana Wyrosdick and Gia Wyrosdick, daughters of Jessica and Heath Wyrosdick of Elba, Ala.

Saturday and Sunday. This secured them the very prestigious Overall Circuit Champion 9 and Under Age Division prize for the weekend.

Gia Wyrosdick and her

under all three judges in a very large, competitive class of colorful ponies.



GRANT

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crimes and their families will have someone in DA offices to both comfort them and assist them through the process of obtaining justice. We are extremely grateful to the governor, ADECA and everyone who assisted in making this grant possible."

Barry Matson, executive director of the Office of Prosecution Services and the Alabama District Attorneys Association, said each of the 42 district attorneys in Alabama would receive funds from the grant to pay Certified Victim Service Officers.

"District Attorneys identified providing more direct services to victims as a priority," he said. "No one chooses to be a victim of crime. Through criminal and often violent acts of others, victims are forced into a vast and intimidating criminal justice system. District attorneys, though challenged by meager resources, have long stood with victims of crime. With tens of thousands of felonies a year, it

has proved daunting."

Matson said an increase in violent crimes in recent years means there is an increased need for victim assistance. Following a nationwide trend, Alabama saw a 13 percent increase in violent crime and a 12 percent increase in homicides in 2016.

"This groundbreaking partnership between the Governor, Alabama's District Attorneys and ADECA is a model for the nation," Matson said. "With the help of Governor Ivey, Alabama's District Attorneys will be able to ease the pain and anxiety caused by crime, while providing comfort, information and guidance to victims."

Carolyn Tyus, victim service officer for Montgomery County District Attorney Daryl Bailey, also spoke. Tyus noted that she had been a victim herself, when her son was killed by a drunk driver, and appreciated the dedicated help from a VSO.

WREATHS

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new flagpole dedication], the volunteers will be dispersed to lay the wreaths.

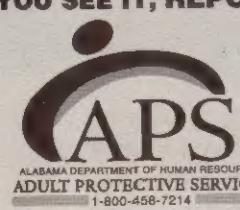
Although the online donation deadline has passed, it is not too late to donate for the LOCAL Wreaths Across America. The Civitan Club has reserved extra wreaths and donations of any amount can be dropped off at WVVL 101 Radio Station, located next to the Boll Weevil Monument in Enterprise. Make checks

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